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CHAPTER 372

SENATE BILL 1441

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; RELATING TO WILDLIFE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 17, chapter 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding article 4, to read:

ARTICLE 4. WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND 17-471. Wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement fund: commission duties

- A. THE WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS FOR SPECIFIC WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. ON NOTICE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST AND DIVEST MONIES IN THE FUND AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 35-313 AND MONIES EARNED FROM INVESTMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.
 - B. THE COMMISSION SHALL:
- 1. MONITOR AND HAVE OVERSIGHT OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR WHICH THE LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATES MONIES TO THE WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND.
- 2. IF NECESSARY, CHANGE THE PRIORITY OF APPROPRIATED PROJECTS UNDER ITS OVERSIGHT, BUT ANY CHANGE IN PRIORITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION AT A PUBLIC HEARING.
- 3. SUBMIT A SEMIANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND FUNDING OF THE WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT FUND TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES AND PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS.
 - Sec. 2. Appropriation: wildlife habitat: exemption
- A. The sum of \$3,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2006-2007 to the wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement fund and is appropriated from the fund to the Arizona game and fish department to be used for the following purposes in the order of priority given, unless changed at a public hearing by the commission:
 - 1. Anderson Mesa grassland restoration.
 - 2. Kaibab winter range habitat improvement.
 - 3. Yuma region water redevelopments.
 - 4. Wildlife water redevelopments north of the Colorado river.
- 5. Pinetop region deer habitat restoration project, including the Chitty Creek habitat restoration project, the Pigeon habitat restoration project and the Sheep Wash ecosystem improvement project.
- B. The appropriations made in subsection A of this section are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

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APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 21, 2006.